

February 26, 2007

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and members Askren, Tucker, Rueger, Curtis, and Cooper attending. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Comm. Epison; Chief Beloit; Acting Fire Chief Reese; Ed Adams; Becky Higgins; Larry Williams; Mike Weatherford; Danny Moss; Supt. Givens; Jerry Walden; Paul Rohlman; and Attorney Funkhouser.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.
Board member Askren moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Cooper.
Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the motion, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles reminded the Audience that anyone wishing to address the Board should approach the podium and state their name and the nature of their business.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented.
Board member Cooper moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Askren.
Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

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| Water Operating & Maintenance | \$ 63,548.18 |
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Mayor Knowles stated the will now hear the report of the Water Superintendent.
Supt. Gray stated he has no report.
Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.

Mayor Knowles stated they have the Financial Report before them and any questions could be directed to Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?
Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?
There were none.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

Mr. Mike Weatherford approached the podium and stated he would like to apologize to the Board for missing the last meeting, he misunderstood, thinking that the Board needed items a week in advance. He then stated he would like to request the use of the Farmersville Tower to place his firm's antenna, for the county residents. He added he realizes that SITCO was at the last meeting and got approval for the west side tower, so they will request the use of the north tower. He added however, due to the location of the north tower, they will not be able to provide wireless service to the waterfront, though they can help facilitate that process. He stated they will also be able to provide a secure network signal to the city's emergency vehicles.

Mayor Knowles asked the name of his firm again, as she has had some inquiries ?

Mr. Weatherford replied Central Posey Computer Services, and their phone number is 838-8897.

Board member Askren asked if they are only wanting the Farmersville Tower ?

Mr. Weatherford replied yes, since SITCO has use of the west side tower.

Board member Curtis questioned Attachment A ?

Mr. Weatherford replied they will provide training for employees and a reimbursement to the city. He added he felt they had a good proposal which would provide revenue back to the city.

Mr. Jerry Walden approached and asked when SITCO was approved for the west tower ?

Mayor Knowles replied at the last meeting, February 12, 2007.

Mr. Walden asked if there was no way to add another signal to the west tower ?

Board member Cooper replied both firms indicated that would be a conflict.

Mr. Walden stated he highly supports Mr. Weatherford and his firm and he feels they need to support local business, give them the benefit of the doubt.

Mayor Knowles replied she appreciates his comments.

Board member Tucker asked if Mr. Weatherford needs to renegotiate with the city ?

Mr. Weatherford replied no, he can provide wireless signal to the city emergency vehicles, training sessions to the employees with the time comes, and pay the city 5% on the customers that use the tower.

Board member Tucker stated the city already has issues with the Farmersville Tower, hopefully they will be corrected soon, but what will that do to Mr. Weatherford's antenna?

Mr. Weatherford replied they will make adjustments with their customers for back up.

Board member Cooper asked why they can not have two antennas on the same tower ?

Mr. Weatherford replied they would be on the same frequency and the customer would suffer.

Board member Cooper stated they know the tower at the water plant is too short, but does anyone know how short ?

Supt. Gray replied he is not sure.

Board member Curtis stated he feels they should go forward, and Mr. Weatherford should talk with Mayor Knowles and the department heads on the training, etc.. He then stated it boils down to the city getting 5% and free training to the employees. He then moved the Board proceed with Posey Central Computer Services use of the north water tower, city not being responsible if the tower is to be torn down, and taking the option of training and 5% revenue; if the tower is moved/raised, the contract will continue, if the tower is useable. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any discussion ?

Mr. Weatherford added there will also be a cap on the 5%. He concluded by stating he appreciates this opportunity.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any other questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with the Board voting as follows:

Askren - yes; Tucker - yes; Rueger - yes;

Curtis - yes; Cooper - yes.

Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

Jerry Walden approached the podium and stated he would like to thank the Board very much for going forward with Mr. Weatherford's firm, this issue is a very important one to him. He then left the meeting.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles stated if there was no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Cooper.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

Rosemary L. Knowles
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe
Clerk-Treasurer

February 26, 2007

The Common Council immediately following the Water Utility Board on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and members Askren, Tucker, Rueger, Curtis, and Cooper attending. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Comm. Epison; Chief Beloit; Acting Fire Chief Reese; Ed Adams; Becky Higgins; Larry Williams; Mike Weatherford; Danny Moss; Supt. Givens; Jerry Walden; Paul Rohlman; Attorney Funkhouser; and arriving during the meeting, Asst. Fire Chief Harms.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Councilman Cooper moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the motion, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairman Rueger stated he has no report.

Comm. Epison stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Police & Dog Chairman Curtis stated he has no report.

Chief Beloit stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Fire Chairwoman Askren stated she has no report.

Acting Fire Chief Reese stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Sewer Chairman Tucker stated he has no report.

Supt. Givens stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Knowles stated the first item on the Legal portion of the Agenda is the 2nd reading of the proposed Ordinance to amend Schedule VI. Handicapped Parking of Chapter 75: Parking Schedules of the Mt. Vernon Code of Ordinances. She then asked if there were any questions ?

Attorney Funkhouser stated from the last meeting, he looked up to see if this ordinance was alright to enact, and it is.

Councilman Rueger moved the ordinance pass on second reading. Seconded by Councilman Cooper.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren - yes; Tucker - yes; Rueger - yes;

Curtis - yes; Cooper - yes.

Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Rueger move the rules be suspended and the ordinance pass on third reading. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren - yes; Tucker - yes; Rueger - yes;

Curtis - yes; Cooper - yes.

Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe added it will be numbered 07-04.

Mayor Knowles stated the next item for consideration is the 2nd reading of the proposed Ordinance Creating Rules of Procedure and Related Matters Concerning the Common Council of the City of Mount Vernon, Indiana. She then asked if there were any questions?

There were none.

Councilman Curtis moved the ordinance pass second reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren - yes; Tucker - yes; Rueger - yes;

Curtis - yes; Cooper - yes.

Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Cooper moved the rules be suspended and the ordinance pass on third reading. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren - yes; Tucker - yes; Rueger - yes;

Curtis - yes; Cooper - yes.

Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried unanimously.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe added it will be numbered 07-05.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

Mr. Paul Rohlman approached the podium and stated he is present to inform the Council of a free viewing of a documentary on global warming - March 1, 8th and the 13th at the Library and at USI on March 15th, though he is not sure of the location. He added this is an issue that the Council needs to be interested in and aware and informed on. He stated he is offering this invitation to the Council, though he is not sure if the Sunshine Law would be violated if the Mayor and several council persons viewed the documentary at the same time. He added the Library does have some of the DVDs in circulation for personal viewing as well. He stated the Council needs to take steps now for the better welfare of the community.

Councilman Cooper stated he will get a copy from Mayor Knowles.

Mr. Rohlman thanked the Council.

Mayor Knowles thanked Mr. Rohlman for his presentation.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any Old Business ?

Councilman Rueger stated Chief Beloat had last year asked permission to purchase tasers for the police department, and it appears they need to purchase three more. He then stated the department has also never had stop sticks and he feels for liability reasons those need to be purchased. He added the stop sticks have also gone down in price. He then stated he spoke with Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe before the meeting and she indicated there will be no more than \$5,000 available from the CCDF fund for this equipment. He would like approval for Chief Beloat to make these purchases.

Mayor Knowles stated this should really come before the Board of Works.

Councilman Tucker asked how many stop sticks they would like to purchase ?

Chief Beloat replied five.

Mayor Knowles stated many agencies use the stop sticks.

Councilwoman Askren she is all for it.

Councilman Cooper asked if they could possibly be approved to purchase two additional sets of stop sticks ?

Chief Beloat stated the two ranking officers will have a set, along with the three senior officers per shift. He added it would be great if they could afford more.

Councilman Cooper agreed they should at least have one more set on midnight shift, that is when most pursuits occur.

Mayor Knowles stated they need to look at the cost and see how many they can afford, she will also bring this up at the Board of Works.

Councilman Rueger continued by stating this really has to do with the police and the fire departments - the possibility of a new building. He added the Council needs to set up a committee to look into this. He then moved a committee be set up to look into the possibility of a new building. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ? She then made a comment that a few days ago Acting Fire Chief Reese ran across an old capital improvement plan for the city from 1981 and they were discussing this even at that time.

Councilman Rueger stated he feels they should have the Mayor, the Police Chief and Fire Chief on the committee as well as two other council persons. He added this committee will just look into things, investigating.

Mayor Knowles agreed it is a good idea.

Councilman Cooper asked if they should also get some local businessmen involved for the community's thoughts ?

Mayor Knowles stated if they can find anyone interested to be on the committee, that would be a good idea.

Councilman Rueger replied that is fine, but he does not want a huge committee.

Mayor Knowles stated if there was no further discussion, she requests a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasure with Council voting as follows:

Askren - yes; Tucker - yes; Rueger - yes;

Curtis - yes; Cooper - yes.

Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Rueger suggested Mayor Knowles appoint one person from the community and the Council appoint one person. He stated he would also like to be on the committee.

Councilwoman Askren replied she will also try as well.

Asst. Fire Chief Harms arrived at the meeting.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any other Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilwoman Askren stated she has no report.

2nd District Councilman Tucker stated he has no report.

3rd District Councilman Rueger stated he has no report.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he has no report.

Councilman-at-Large Cooper stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Rueger.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

Rosemary L. Knowles
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ATTEST:

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